Practice: 394 - Firebreak

Scenario: #1 - FireBreak-Disked

Scenario Description:

Installation of a bare-ground firebreak of a minimum width of 20' around a 20 acre field/farm using farm equipment. Generally water control devices such as water bars are not needed due either to the lack of steep terrain or the temporary nature of the firebreak. This practice is typically implemented to control fire during a prescribed burn of a field with shrubs and/or warm season grasses managed for wildlife. Resource concerns include Wildfire hazard from excessive biomass accumulation, Undesirable plant productivity and health, Inadequate plant structure and composition, and Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Tract, field, or farm lacks adequate firebreaks to either reduce the spread of wildfires or contain a prescribed burn. Installation will be accomplished by making two passes with the use of typical farm equipment such as tractors, plows, disks, or similar implements.

After Situation:

Associated Practices: 338-Prescribed Burning; 383-Fuelbreak; 643- Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats; 645-Upland Habitat Development and Management; 647-Early Successional Habitat

Scenario Feature Measure: Length of firebreak

Scenario Unit: Foot

Scenario Typical Size: 5,000

Scenario Cost: $360.98 **Scenario Cost/Unit:** $0.07

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price ($/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Tillage, Light	945	Includes light disking (tandem) or field cultivator. Includes equipment, power unit and labor costs.	Acre	$10.38	2	$20.76
Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	$36.60	2	$73.20
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	$18.70	3	$56.10
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	$20.08	2	$40.16
Mobilization						
Mobilization, small equipment	1138	Equipment <70 HP but can't be transported by a pick-up truck or with typical weights between 3,500 to 14,000 pounds.	Each	$170.76	1	$170.76

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Scenario: #2 - Constructed - Medium equipment, flat-medium slopes

Scenario Description:

Use of medium equipment such as small dozers to blade, disk, plow, etc. bare-soil firebreaks on slopes less than 15%. Generally, water control devices such as water bars are limited to 10 or less per 1,000 feet when properly planned and installed using the same equipment. Resource concerns include Wildfire hazards from excessive biomass accumulation, Undesirable plant productivity and health, Inadequate plant structure and composition, and Habitat degradation.

Before Situation:

Tract, field, or farm lacks adequate firebreaks to either reduce the spread of wildfires or contain a prescribed burn. Conditions such as topography, the presence of brush and trees, etc. make the use of typical farm equipment impractical.

After Situation:

The property is adequately protected from wildfire or can be safely prescribe burned and the potential for excessive erosion from the firebreak is negligible.

Scenario Feature Measure: Length of firebreak

Scenario Unit: Foot

Scenario Typical Size: 3,000

Scenario Cost: $1,332.19 **Scenario Cost/Unit:** $0.44

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price ($/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Dozer, 80 HP	929	Track mounted Dozer with horsepower range of 60 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	$66.18	4	$264.72
Water Bars	1500	Installation of graded trail water controlling structures such as water bars, broad based dips for erosion control. Typical cross section is 1.5 feet high with 4:1 side slopes yielding about 0.33 CY/ft of length.	Foot	$2.23	325	$724.75
Labor						
Equipment Operators, Heavy	233	Includes: Cranes, Hydraulic Excavators >=50 HP, Dozers, Paving Machines, Rock Trenchers, Trenchers >=12", Dump Trucks, Ag Equipment >=150 HP, Scrapers, Water Wagons.	Hour	$22.21	4	$88.84
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	$253.88	1	$253.88

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Scenario: #3 - Constructed - Medium equipment, steep slopes

Scenario Description:

Use of equipment such as small dozers to blade bare-soil firebreaks on slopes greater than 15%. Water control devices such as water bars placed at approximately 15 to 25 per 1,000 ft section of firebreak, are necessary to control erosion. These will be installed with the same equipment. Resource concerns include Wildfire hazard from excessive biomass accumulation, Undesirable plant productivity and health, Inadequate plant structure and composition, Habitat degradation, Soil erosion, and Excessive sediment in surface waters.

Before Situation:

Tract, field, or farm lacks adequate firebreaks to either reduce the spread of wildfires or contain a prescribed burn. Conditions such as topography, the presence of brush and trees, etc. make the use of typical farm equipment impractical. As slopes increase, the potential for excessive erosion increases from soil disturbances. Therefore the installation of water control devices such as water bars will be important in protecting the resource base.

After Situation:

The property is adequately protected from wildfire or can be safely prescribe burned and the potential for excessive erosion from the firebreak is minimized.

Scenario Feature Measure: Length of firebreak

Scenario Unit: Foot

Scenario Typical Size: 1,000

Scenario Cost: $1,276.44 **Scenario Cost/Unit:** $1.28

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price ($/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Water Bars	1500	Installation of graded trail water controlling structures such as water bars, broad based dips for erosion control. Typical cross section is 1.5 feet high with 4:1 side slopes yielding about 0.33 CY/ft of length.	Foot	$2.23	300	$669.00
Dozer, 80 HP	929	Track mounted Dozer with horsepower range of 60 to 90. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	$66.18	4	$264.72
Labor						
Equipment Operators, Heavy	233	Includes: Cranes, Hydraulic Excavators >=50 HP, Dozers, Paving Machines, Rock Trenchers, Trenchers >=12", Dump Trucks, Ag Equipment >=150 HP, Scrapers, Water Wagons.	Hour	$22.21	4	$88.84
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	$253.88	1	$253.88

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Scenario: #6 - FireBreak-Dozer-Fire Plow

Scenario Description:

Practice is installed to facilitate a prescribed burn which will help maintain or enhance habitat (cover, shelter and forage) as well as connecting fragmented habitats. This practice scenario will be implemented to enhance plant condition by improving productivity, health and vigor of desired tree species. Habitat quality will also be improved as a result of reducing the stocking density of plants in the understory by and enabling regeneration of ground level vegetation

Before Situation:

A stand of forestland age 12-40+ with prescribed burning planned. Some border or property line firebreaks exist but additional firebreaks are needed to facilitate planned

After Situation:

After Practice Implementation: Firebreaks are installed by a contractor using a bulldozer/Fireplow and push blade to clear flammable debris and vegetation along the planned location. Raking and hand work is used to tie bladed firebreaks into streams, wetlands and other sensitive areas. Planned firebreaks are installed according design bladed
width.

Associated Practices: 338-Prescribed Burning; 383-Fuelbreak; 643- Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats; 645-Upland Habitat Development and Management; 647-Early Successional Habitat

Scenario Feature Measure: Length of feet

Scenario Unit: Foot

Scenario Typical Size: 5,000

Scenario Cost: $1,299.80 **Scenario Cost/Unit:** $0.26

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price ($/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Dozer, 200 HP	928	Track mounted Dozer with horsepower range of 160 to 250. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	$183.59	4	$734.36
Fire Plow	1306	Heavy wildland plow or disk used for installing firebreaks. Equipment costs only for plow, use with a dozer component. Labor not included.	Hour	$46.33	4	$185.32
Labor						
General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	$18.70	2	$37.40
Equipment Operators, Heavy	233	Includes: Cranes, Hydraulic Excavators >=50 HP, Dozers, Paving Machines, Rock Trenchers, Trenchers >=12", Dump Trucks, Ag Equipment >=150 HP, Scrapers, Water Wagons.	Hour	$22.21	4	$88.84
Mobilization						
Mobilization, medium equipment	1139	Equipment with 70-150 HP or typical weights between 14,000 and 30,000 pounds.	Each	$253.88	1	$253.88